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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of Community Health Centres (CHCs),Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Subhealth Centres (SHCs) in the country as per the Indian Public Health Standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;

(c) the projection made by the Government for setting up new CHCs, PHCs and SHCs in the 12th Five Year Plan and whether these projection adhere to the Indian Public Health Standards; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) and (b): As per the Rural Health Statistics in India, 2011 a state-wise statement showing the requirement, in Position and Shortfall/Surplus of Sub Centres (SCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) across the country as per population norms is annexed. Indian Public Health Standards[IPHS] for CHCs, PHCs and SCs have been revised in year 2012. As such no data is presently available in respect of SC, PHCs and CHCs conforming to latest IPHS.

(c) and (d): Indian Public Health Standards[IPHS] lay down certain minimum requirements of infrastructure, facilities and service delivery etc. for District Hospitals, CHCs, PHCs and SCs. However, it does not provide any standards for setting up new CHCs, PHCs and SCs.